



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Alfalfa Second Cutting Nears Completion

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures for the week ending August 15 ranged from one degree to six degrees below normal for the state. All districts reported precipitation. The southwest district reported mostly above normal rainfall for the week. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, cultivating, applying pesticides, laying grasshopper bait, cutting alfalfa, and harvesting cereal grains.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 2% very short, 27% short, 67% adequate, and 4% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Reports from farmers and several U of I extension educators indicate major agricultural impacts from grasshoppers and voles in several areas of the state. The Twin Falls extension educator reports that late season corn has not fully tasseled which places maturity about 2 weeks behind average. Latah County reports winter wheat harvest is starting at low elevations. Caribou County reports that farm operators have suspended irrigation of cereal crops and that harvest should begin soon. Caribou also reports that potatoes are a little behind average but look good.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and pasture is 62 percent in good or excellent condition. Statewide, the alfalfa second and third cutting is 89 and 31 percent complete, respectively. Twin Falls County reports that rangeland is drying out quickly and feed quality is low.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2010	2009	Avg.
Potato Vines Dying/Killed	3	16	13
Dry Beans Harvested	1	1	6
Dry Peas Harvested	16	29	44
Lentils Harvested	7	9	27
Mint First Cutting	28	63	63
Oats Harvested	40	21	33
Spring Wheat Turning Color	80	97	96
Barley Turning Color	89	95	96

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	1	12	25	56	6
Irr. Water Supply	0	2	15	80	3
Potato	0	0	8	86	6
Winter Wheat	0	0	5	80	15
Spring Wheat	0	0	5	90	5
Barley	0	1	3	87	9

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	--	3	20	45	53	75	12	35	45	1	10	19	4	15	25
Barley															
Harvested	--	3	27	73	65	89	15	67	53	20	2	15	18	18	27
Winter Wheat															
Harvested	30	56	65	73	80	92	33	78	75	31	38	54	34	56	65
Alfalfa															
Second Cutting....	47	70	75	100	99	99	94	96	97	80	59	74	89	82	86
Third Cutting.....	NA	NA	NA	50	47	52	55	38	47	--	--	9	31	24	33

Avg (2005 – 2009); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 15, 2010 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	83	53	68	-3	0.28	0.00	11.69	2.18	2485	1266	-244
Grangeville	85	47	66	-1	0.48	0.20	15.44	2.56	2342	1175	51
Lewiston	92	60	74	-1	0.00	-0.14	7.36	1.61	3418	1951	-55
Porthill	82	49	65	-2	0.49	0.21	13.66	5.63	2226	1083	-146
Winchester	84	45	62	-2	0.18	-0.10	13.16	0.53	1818	804	53
Southwest											
Boise	91	47	69	-6	0.14	0.07	7.62	2.70	3043	1696	-247
Emmett	91	48	69	-4	0.18	0.11	6.03	1.22	2939	1646	-242
Glenns Ferry	97	48	71	-2	0.37	0.30	6.02	2.23	2988	1724	-168
Grandview	91	43	69	-5	0.10	0.03	3.44	0.27	3106	1772	-364
Nampa	87	47	68	-5	0.09	0.00	4.98	0.79	3020	1685	-288
Parma	90	48	69	-4	0.23	0.09	3.52	-1.06	3145	1775	-91
South Central											
Fairfield	85	38	60	-6	0.28	0.14	5.58	0.02	1736	764	-301
Malta	91	39	66	-4	0.50	0.29	6.30	0.35	2328	1204	-263
Picabo	88	41	63	-4	0.02	-0.12	5.17	0.08	2140	1090	-64
Rupert	89	44	66	-4	0.00	-0.08	6.80	2.51	2386	1250	-263
Twin Falls	89	49	67	-2	0.02	-0.05	3.99	-0.37	2575	1393	-55
East											
Aberdeen	87	43	65	-3	0.13	-0.01	3.94	-0.61	2321	1206	-79
Ashton	81	36	59	-5	0.05	-0.18	6.46	-2.37	1816	812	-167
Fort Hall	90	40	65	-4	0.21	0.01	5.28	-0.60	2313	1183	-258
Idaho Falls	89	46	66	-3	0.02	-0.12	5.92	0.55	2402	1265	-88
Lava Hot Springs	86	41	65	-4	0.02	-0.18	7.99	2.11	2317	1217	-224
Monteview	84	41	62	-5	0.10	-0.11	4.38	-0.84	2019	960	-333
Preston	89	44	68	-2	0.06	-0.15	5.94	-1.22	2562	1419	-83
Rexburg	83	40	62	-3	0.23	0.07	4.99	-1.58	1986	913	-133

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.